

Drought Response Outreach Program for Schools (DROPS)

State Water Resources Control Board Division of Financial Assistance

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) is developing a Drought Response Outreach Program for Schools (DROPS). DROPS will focus on projects that address stormwater pollution while providing multiple benefits including water quality improvement, water conservation, water supply augmentation, greenhouse gas reduction, energy savings, and increased awareness of water resource sustainability at schools.

DFA is currently developing draft program Guidelines, and anticipates opening the solicitation in Fall of 2014. Approximately \$25 million is available.

Concept Grant Program Requirements

Potential Eligible Applicants: School Districts, County Offices of Education, and Federally recognized Tribes

Proposed Grant Amount: \$100,000 - \$2,500,000

Funding Match: 10 – 20% depending on total project cost.

Eligible Project Types

- Installing rain gardens, bioswales, tree boxes, subterranean infiltration systems, and other stormwater capture systems that maximize/leverage stormwater recharge
- Installing rooftop rainwater catchment systems (rain barrels, cisterns, disconnect rooftop stormdrains from stormwater sewer)

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